rural and semi-urban areas by 31-3-1989 except in rare cases where minimum infrastructural facilities are not available.

Bank credit for industrial development in Uttar Pradesh

2398. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total bank credit made available to Uttar Pradesh for industrial development during the last and current financial years; and

(b) what are the corresponding figures of others States in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Central Government employees charged for Espionage

2399. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government employees involved and arrested on charges of espionage during the last three years;

(b) the details of charges against these persons; and

(c) the number of such persons convicted during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

Fraud in the State Bank of Indore

2400. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fraud of Rs. 1.66 crores came to light through wrong guarantee issued by the then Manager of State Bank of Indore, Connaught Circus, New Delhi during July, 86 to 30th July, 87;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken against guilty officers and if not what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) what is the amount outstanding in this case and what is the present position of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The State Bank of Indore has reported that there was no fraud at its Connaught Circus, New Delhi branch during the period July 1986 to 30th July, 1987 in the matter of issue of bank guarantees by the branch. According to the Bank, the branch had issued certain guarantees aggregating to Rs. 1 66 crores during the period on behalf of its constituents in the normal course of business. Two of the guarantees involving Rs. 12.40 lakhs were invoked. After adjusting the margin money of Rs. 1.24 lakhs, the balance of Rs. 11.16 lakhs was paid by the bank to the beneficiaries. The bank is now taking action to file a suit against its constituents on whose behalf the guarantees were issued for the recovery of the amount plus interest costs. The guarantees were issued by the then branch manager in excess of his discretionary powers for which he has been censured by the bank.